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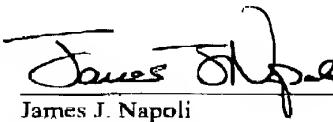
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Title: HIGHLY SELECTIVE
NOREPINEPHRINE
REUPTAKE INHIBITORS
AND METHODS OF USING
THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTIONCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is being presented in response to an official action dated August 21, 2001, wherein a restriction/election requirement has been imposed among the 62 pending claims requiring the applicants "to elect a single disclosed species (i.e. a particular compound and a condition to be treated)."

This paper is timely as it is being submitted by the one-month extendible deadline of September 21, 2001.

The applicants elect claims reciting an optically pure (S,S) reboxetine for the treatment of chronic pain. Claims readable on this election are claims 1-18, 30, 32-40, 52, and 54-58.

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An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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